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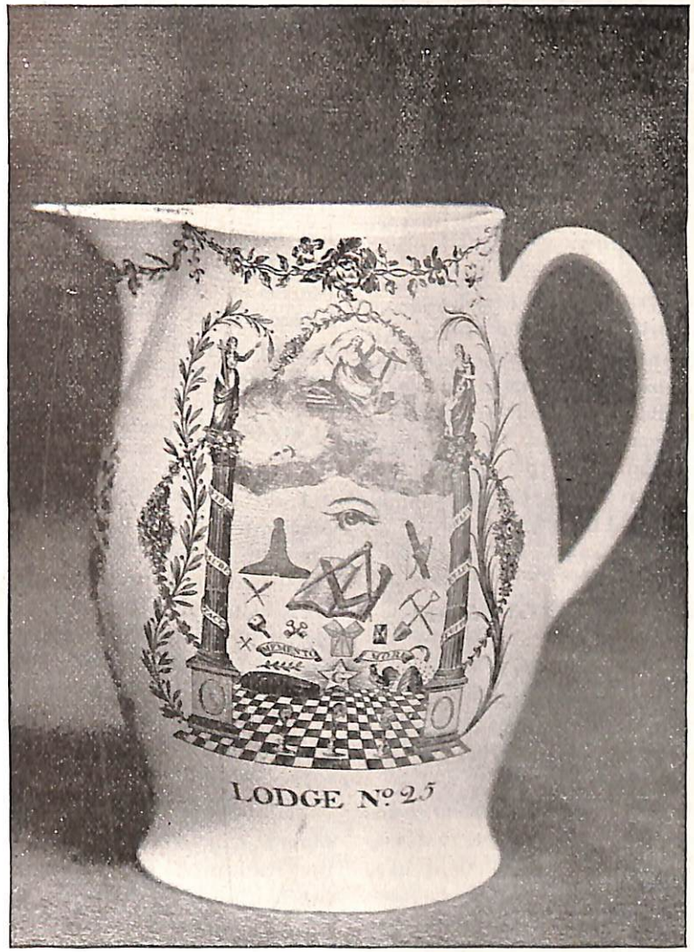


PRINT OF AN OLD MASONIC PITCHER,

Now in the collectio of Gen. J. C. Smith, of Chicago. Any one having information of parties having in their possession one of these Masonic Pitchers are requested to correspond with the Iowa Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

## A RARE OLD RELIC.

We take pleasure in presenting to our readers a print of an old Masonic pitcher, such as were used by the lodges in the old country prior to 1800.

Grand Secretary Nickerson, of Massachusetts, in writing to Gen. Smith a few years since stated that "Masonic pitchers were quite common a century ago; every ship master who came from England, if he was a Mason, brought from one to a dozen. They were manufactured and decorated to order. We have here in the temple (Boston) some eight or ten of them varying in sizes from two quarts to two gallons. The one you describe is specially interesting on account of the allusions to lodge 25, which was probably Captain Delano's lodge."

It is the pitcher here referred to that we illustrate as a frontispiece to the present number.

The Grand Secretary of Iowa, who is always on the alert for all sorts of Masonic curios is very anxious to secure one or more of these old Masonic pitchers for the Museum Department of the library and we trust this note may fall into the hands of some one who may be able to give him some information regarding the whereabouts of some of these old time relics.

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[From the Report on Fraternal Correspondence in Iowa Grand Lodges.]

## CORRESPONDENCE GLEANINGS.

### GRAND LODGES.

There are no "burning questions" agitating the craft at the present time. The quiet might be painful but that we love peace rather than strife.

The Grand Representative system seems in a fair way to go into "innocuous desuetude." Several Grand jurisdictions have abandoned it during the past year as useless, or as an occasion of misunderstanding and infraternal strife.

The Mississippi rules, in their present form, have evidently failed of approval by a majority of American Grand Lodges; yet the discussion which they have called forth will be fruitful of good results.

Some modification of the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction will occur at no remote day. The Wisconsin rules similarly, have failed of general indorsement; and yet to all thoughtful minds the desirability of some general and uniform rules, dictated alike by justice and by courtesy, appears.

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The outlook is promising. The jubilee anniversary of several Grand Lodges have brought out much valuable historical data, all of which is instructive to the student and inspiring to the workman. Yesterday is to be revered because of to-day; blossom and fruit are the crown of the early toilers' labor; but to-day affords chief occasion for joy because to-morrow is possible. We have a goodly heritage from the past; it behooves us to hand a better heritage to the future. This will we do if true to the best that the elder days have transmitted to us, and also to the best which broader knowledge, higher ethical standards, and nobler ideals offer us to-day.

—Dr. Cox, Iowa, 1895.

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I do not know of more profitable or pleasant reading for the Masonic student than the papers annually prepared and published by your committee on foreign correspondence. They are too little appreciated by the craft. Brethren are not conscious of the value of this department of our literature, and (are) unmindful of the labor, research and attainments necessary to its composition.

—Kentucky.

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We believe that a worthy non affiliated Mason has all the rights and privileges of the fraternity, the same as the affiliated brother, and, therefore, he *has* the right to prefer charges against a brother who may have committed an offense against the fraternity of which both are members.

—Maryland.



"Then over our gain and over our loss,
Over our crown and over our cross,
Over the fret of our discontent,
Over the ill that we never meant,
Over the scars of our self-denial,
Over the strength that conquered trial,
Over our semi-centennial year—
Year that to-morrow will not be here
Swiftly and surely, from starry walls
Silently downward the curtain falls."

—Michigan.

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But any member whose dues are paid may, upon his request therefor, be granted a dimit for the purpose of becoming a non-affiliate, subject to the disabilities of such, and therefore shall be deprived of all Masonic rights, except that of petition for restoration to membership. And in the case of such dimits the Secretaries of the Lodges shall make the same entries and give the same notices to sister lodges as in the case of suspension. (Standard By-Law for subordinate lodges). —Montana.

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We have the Webb work better than Webb himself had it. It is a web of our own, and the constitution has been inoculated with it so that we may be proof against foreign contagion or infection.

—Montana.

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"So long as the average Freemason don't realize the immeasurable difference between Freemasonry and all other human societies of to-day, so long as he fails to understand what its past is and to comprehend what its future should be, so long as he continues to endeavor to bring into Freemasonry the characteristics of the innumerable other societies he belongs to, so long as he tries to have us imitate our imitators, drifting away from our landmarks, ancient regulations, and old-time customs, just so long will reviewers be valuable and necessary. One needs no eagle eye to discover the heresies that have crept into our institution within fifty years, some of which we have exploded, and others of which we are still hammering at. He is blind, we think, who can't see that the 'Noble Grand' and the fast and loose membership feature of another very excellent but modern society have had their effect upon us—who can't see that our own cable tow has been shortened by the measured relief prescribed by other organizations—who can't see that our simple white gloves and aprons are being transformed into the gaudy uniform of the drum-major—and so on indefinitely."

—Nebraska.

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"*Resolved*, That the salary of the Grand Lecturer be discontinued, and that a copy of the uniform work now adopted, and in cipher, be printed in said cipher, and one copy only be furnished to each subordinate lodge; and that the portion of this report relative to printing said work in cipher be not printed in the minutes."

—Oregon.

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"We agree with the Grand Master that a uniform work should prevail in all our subordinate lodges, but how this is to be accomplished your committee are not in a position to recommend."

—Prince Edward's Islands.

## HE WAS A BETTER MAN THAN I.

Recently, in a Texas lodge, the Worshipful Master, in a sort of lecture to the brethren on the moral obligation of the ballot, said:

Years ago I lived in a small West Texas town where the pistol was the chief arbiter in all personal difficulties.

I had a misunderstanding with a man, and meeting him, I set in to abuse him with great bitterness, till he, apparently unable to longer bear it, reached for his pistol pocket and calmly said:

"Well, sir; I reckon I'll have to kill you."

I knew him to be a quiet, but determined and brave man, and as I was unaccountably unarmed, for in those days I rarely was without a pistol, I felt very much like running. Opportunely mutual friends interfered, and I was prevented from furnishing the corpse in a shooting scrape.

Afterwards, on meeting, we never spoke, and an armed neutrality was kept up between us, which was ready to be broken on the slightest provocation, and undoubtedly one or both of us would have been killed.

Some time afterwards I made application to the Masonic lodge; was elected, and during the initiation, on being brought to light, the first thing my eyes rested on was not the three great lights but Mr. (now Brother) Blank. Our eyes met, and as soon as the occasion would warrant, he came forward, and tendering me his hand, said:

"I know what you are thinking of, but I am not the kind of man you take me for. I know of no good reason why you should not be a Mason. I have nothing against you except our personal difficulty, and I never allow my prejudices to influence my ballot in Masonry."

I was thunderstruck and abashed, for I didn't even know that he was a Mason. I made ample apologies, and we became the best of friends. Either of us would have risked his life in the cause of the other if necessary.

Now, my brethren, he was a better man than I, for I could not have been so forgiving and generous. And whenever I see what I consider a good man black-balled, I feel like telling this story.—*Texas Freemason.*

## FROM THE SCRAP BOOK OF OUR GRAND MASTER, F. C. GERARD.

The following, in regard to the selection of officers of Subordinate lodges, we most candidly indorse, and would respectfully call the attention of lodges in this jurisdiction to them.

1. Vote for the man that can work well, for the attendance at the lodge depends very much on the efficiency of the officers.

2. The Worshipful Master should not only be an efficient lecturer, but he needs to be a man of sound judgment, his capacity as a business man being called into frequent requisition.

3. The officers should be men noted for their punctuality. A person born a half hour behind time seldom, if ever, catches up. Don't trust to promises of reformation, but elect members who are habitually punctual.

4. Don't elect men of questionable occupation or character, but remember that the officers are most conspicuous in a public procession, and that on the Worshipful Master devolves the sacred duty of performing the last sad office at the grave of a deceased brother.

5. Do not elect a Warden that you would not be proud to see presiding in the East, in the procession or at the grave.

6. Do not vote for a man whose appetites are stronger than his good intentions. But elect him whose good resolutions are stronger than his appetite, and who is as jealous of the honor of Freemasonry as he is of that of his mother, wife or daughter. The former may sometimes be on hand when his presence will give you pain. But the face of the latter will be a light to the lodge, and a joy to the hearts of the brethren.—*Masonic Home Journal.*

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The Masons of Western Pennsylvania propose to raise $800,000 to build and equip a Masonic University in Beaver, by asking every Mason in the country to subscribe $10. It is expected that most Masons would send their sons to the University, while the children of the dead Masons who could not afford to pay would be educated in it free of charge. Beaver is said to be the center of the Masonic population of the United States, and the Masons of the place say they will give the proposed institution a site of eighty acres.

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Massachusetts allows no Mason to be a member of two lodges within its jurisdiction, but he can be a member of one of its lodges and also of a lodge in another jurisdiction.



# THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Boone, June 2, 1896.

## GRAND OFFICERS.

GEO. W. BALL, ..... GRAND MASTER
Iowa City.
Willis S. Gardner ..... Senior Grand Warden
Clinton.
W. L. Ehlers ..... Junior Grand Warden
Correctionville.
H. T. Blackburn ..... Grand Treasurer
Des Moines.
T. S. Parvin ..... Grand Secretary
Cedar Rapids.

APPOINTED.

H. B. Wyman ..... Deputy Grand Master
Sheldon.
N. R. Parvin ..... Deputy Grand Secretary
Cedar Rapids.
Rev. Jas. Edmundson ..... Grand Chaplain
Marshalltown.
O P. Worsley ..... Senior Grand Deacon
Red Oak.
J. H. Cable ..... Junior Grand Deacon
Danville.
G. W. Lipe ..... Senior Grand Steward
Council Bluffs.
J. H. Valentine ..... Junior Grand Steward
Mason City.
O. W. Treman ..... Grand Marshall
Newton.
Theodore Schreiner ..... Grand Sentinel
Mt Pleasant.

CUSTODIANS.

C. T Granger, (1899) Prest., Des Moines.
G. B. Van Saun, (1897) Secretary, Cedar Falls.
W. P. Allen, (1901) Dubuque.

## FEW REMAIN.

THE SURVIVORS OF THE FIRST LODGES OF IOWA MASONRY.

Grand Secretary Parvin, in his usual New Year's greeting, says:

So few of the old guard are left that our greetings this year go to the new friends as well as the old, fully realizing that

"The friendships sealed in younger days
Still firm and faithful last,
While newer friendships brighten in
The light of days long past."

Of the associates of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, (our mother Grand Lodge) for the years 1841–43 only Brother W. R. Singleton, now Grand Secretary at Washington, D. C., still remains.

Of those other than ourselves joining in the organization of the first four lodges in the territory of Iowa (1840–43), William Thompson, of Tacoma, Wash., alone survives, and he at the ripe old age of 84.

Of the large number of those that composed the General Grand Chapter and the general grand encampment of Knights Templar of the United States for the year 1856, that year of pleasant memories, but one other than ourself, and that one J. Q. A. Fellows, Past Grand Master of New Orleans, La., still remains with us.

And strange to say, that of the members that composed the Supreme Council of the southern jurisdiction of America for the year 1859, at the time of our being crowned a thirty-third degree, but one is living—Fred Webber, of Washington, D. C., the present Secretary General of the supreme body. Well may we say to each of them:

"How strange it seems with so much gone
Of life and love, to still live on!
Ah, brother, only I and thou
Are left of all that circle now."

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"So may we meet when time shall end,
Beyond the snow, nor miss one friend—"

Is the wish of your friend and brother.

T. S. PARVIN, Grand Secretary.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Jan. 1, 1896.

## THE MASON'S HALL.

"O, if there be a spot more sweet,
Most full of bliss, most free from care,
'Tis where we on the Level meet
Intent to part upon the Square.
O, if there be an hour of peace,
It is when twilight's shadows fall,
And men their fretful labors cease,
To mingle in the Mason's Hall."

—*Masonry.*

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We acknowledge with thanks the invitation to attend the public installation of Garden City Lodge 141, of Chicago. They do things up in style. No wonder that they are prosperous.

## WORTHY OF NOTE.

Brother M. Plevka, of Williamsburg, visited Hill City Lodge, of Lynchburg, Va., not long since, and witnessed the work of initiating five candidates by the working force of that Lodge. Each candidate was separately entered and the officers changed places in each case, yet the entire work was wrought without break or hitch. We believe in the plan and hope Iowa Lodges will follow the plan.

## CUSTODIAN'S SCHOOLS.

We aim to keep standing the regular appointments of the Grand Custodian. Brother Geo B. Van Saun, and we shall have his corrections each month.

CUSTODIAN'S LETTER.

AMES, Iowa, Jan. 7, '96.

*Dear Brother Geiger:*

The routine of my work has been continued, since my last letter to you, by visiting Waucoma, Fredricksburg, Thayer, Washta, Holstein and Ames, and am now on my route to Irwin and Logan. At Waucoma, on Dec. 12, as the special Deputy of our M. W. Grand Master, I dedicated the new hall of Lodge No. 351. The occasion was one of pleasure and satisfaction to all in attendance. Surrounding lodges were well represented by visiting brethren thereto. The brethren of Lodge No. 351 are and should be commended for their zeal and constant efforts in erecting such fine quarters, owned wholly by the members, entirely among themselves, costing over $5000 aside from the furnishings, and worth fully that amount. Thus far the efforts of that lodge have been crowned with success. May it ever so continue.

At Washta and Holstein I had the pleasure to install their officers, after which bountiful repasts were spread and partaken of by the ladies and brethren present, the Visiting Custodian looking on as usual at such times. My appointments for the future are as follows, some of which may be changed however, viz:

Dallas, Jan. 24 and 25.
Barnes, Jan. 27 and 28.
Rhodes, Jan. 29 and 30.
Lake Park, Feb. 5 and 6.
Hawarden, Feb. 7 and 8.
Alton, Feb. 10 and 11.
Laurens, Feb. 12 and 13.
Sutherland, Feb. 14 and 15.
Shenandoah, Feb. 19, 20 and 21.
Red Oak, Feb. 22, 24 and 25.

The following places have not yet been fully assigned as to time, viz: Orient, LeMars, Sioux City, Moville, Kingsly, Hedrick, Radcliffe, Albia, Hillsboro, Tracy, Smithland, Early and Beaman. Considerable difficulty has been experienced this year in arranging times satisfactory to the lodges sending in their calls, thereby in several cases causing loss of time and making extra expense in traveling. Such is life, however, and we must meet these and other troubles of life with Masonic steadfastness.

With the compliments of the season to yourself and the brethren generally, I am,

Yours fraternally,

GEO. B. VAN SAUN,
Visiting Custodian.

## ST. JOHN'S DAY.

It was our privilege to spend this day (Dec. 27), with the Masonic brethren of Williamsburg, where in the afternoon an informal meeting was held for mutual information. These craftsmen are well up in their work. In the evening a public meeting was held in the opera house with an address on "The Moral and Social Standards of Masonry," by the writer. A sumptuous banquet was afterwards served by the ladies in the Masonic Hall, where music was beautifully rendered by the Glee Club; recitations and short speeches with lively conversation served to make high twelve run well on toward the time for the low twelve bell at midnight. These people are alive.

We are under the impression that no other earthly titles rank higher than those of Freemasonry. Therefore the Masonic title and that only should be used in lodges. So thought the Duke of Kent, father of Her Majesty. When presiding in lodge on one occasion, a brother in speaking upon a question addressed him as "Your royal highness," whereupon the R. W. provincial Grand Master said: "Worshipful Brother, there are no royal highnesses here; we are all brethren." This was in perfect keeping with the Duke of Kent's character.—*Exchange.*

The Kentucky Masonic centennial fund now exceeds $13,000, which sum exceeds half the amount required.



Lebanon Lodge No. 227, Lynnville, Ia., has elected the following officers:

W. M.—E. C. Meredith.
S. W.—E. B. Macy.
J. W.—W. F. Zimmerman.
Treasurer—A. L. Shaffer.
Secretary—L. E. Fowler.

The Lodge is in good working order and has prospered greatly the past year. Their success is largely due to the untiring efforts of the W. M., Brother H. C. Finch. They have good prospects for work for the coming year.

Hall of Stellapolis Lodge, No. 391, Williamsburg, Iowa. The list of officers elected Dec. 28, 1895:

W. M.—T. T. Hall.
S. W.—A. T. Hukill.
J. W.—A. F. Shotts.
Treasurer—W. R. Evans.
Secretary—E. M. Long.
S. D.—W. W. Lewis.
J. D.—J. H. McEchron.
S. S.—J. A. Wilson.
J. S.—Ed. Boland.
T.—I. N. Schooley.

Eastern Star Lodge No. 195 A. F. & A. M. of Humboldt, elected and installed the following officers Dec. 31:

W. M.—Dr. Ira L. Welch.
S. W.—H. C. Hubbard.
J. W.—Lucien Willey.
Treasurer—S. K. Winne.
Secretary—C. Messer.
S. D.—W. A. Sigsby.
J. D.—Otto Windreth.
S. S.—A. S. Hedge.
J. S.—C. Harrison.
Tyler—H. Watkins.

*Friend Geiger:*

"St. John's", the Evangelist's day, was observed here by a joint installation of the officers of the three Lodges of this city, Brother Past Grand Master, W. P. Allen, acted as master of ceremonies; Brother Past Master, R. Herrmann, acting as Grand Marshal. The following is the list of officers installed:

DUBUQUE LODGE NO. 2.

W. M.—Frank Dennert.
S. W.—F. W. Jackson.
Jr. W.—John Cushing.
Treas.—James Cushing.
Sec.—L. C. Lubek.
Sr. Deacon—G. H. Runyon.
Jr. Deacon—S. H. Bauman.
Sr. Std.—Wm. Peat.
Jr. Std.—W. R. Graves.

METROPOLITAN LODGE NO. 49.

W. M.—Clifton B. Trewin.
S. W.—L. G. Bale.
Jr. W.—John Kapp.
Treas.—W. P. Allen.
Secy.—Thos. Hardie.
Sr. Deac.—Abe. Levens.
Jr. Deac—O. S. Mahon.
Sr. Std.—J. A. Best.
Jr. Std—D. T. Howie.

MOSAIC LODGE NO. 125.

W. M.—Henry F. Trenk.
S. W.—J. R. Jones.
Jr. W.—W. G. Norman.
Treas.—E. C. Peaslee.
Sec'y.—J. R. Lindsay.
Sr. Deac.—Jos. Needham.
Jr. Deac.—Wilson Scott.
Sr. Std.—Frank Brown.
Jr. Std.—John Spierman.

There was a large attendance, and after the installation ceremonies a tempting repast was served in the dining room, and some very interesting impromptu speeches indulged in. It was generally observed that seldom, if ever, has it happened that all three of the Lodges are officered by nearly all young men (active and in the prime of life), as is the case at this time, and all expressed themselves hopeful that good and plentiful work will be done by them the ensuing year.

The grand lodge of New South Wales requires that brethren excluded for non-payment of dues must be proposed and seconded for reinstatement if they wish to re-join.

The recognition by the Grand Lodge of Texas of the grand dieta of Mexico, is now fully accepted.

There are fifty-five lodges and 2334 Masons in Manitoba.

In Florida subordinate lodges by dispensation are allowed to celebrate Columbus Day.

One may be better than his reputation or his conduct; never better than his principles.

*The Freemason* of Toronto, represents Knights Templarism in Canada as unsatisfactory and in need of improvement.

The Grand Master of Kentucky has decided that the Grand Master has no authority to take territory from one lodge without its consent and give it to another.

It is a law enacted by the Grand Lodge of England that no brother can visit without being vouched for, but in some countries of the world there is no examination, a visitor being admitted upon production of his diploma.

Nonaffiliation or affiliation elsewhere is absolutely forced upon over 30,000 Masons who reside in the Pacific Coast States by the burdens imposed upon lodges, necessitating the charge of high dues and assessments.—*Trestleboard.*

Undue solicitation is carried on to too great an extent, and one disastrous result is that Master Masons and Chapter Masons are induced to take degrees in Masonry that place an additional burden upon them not warranted by their income. This is anything but fraternal, and is one great reason for so many nonaffiliates, and they are forced from lack of means to fall behind. We believe that the investigating committee should inquire in every questionable case, "Can he afford it?" Let us stop making nonaffiliates by ceasing undue solicitation. John A. Gerow, Tem. Cor., Michigan.

## AMONG EXCHANGES.

Beautiful in blue and gold and white cover comes the December *Midland.* This middle-western magazine (DesMoines, Ia.), brilliantly closes its fourth volume and second year. Its articles are all interesting. Its fiction department is a surprise; strong realistic stories instinct with life. Two Christmas stories and several illustrated Christmas poems supply the sentiment of this number. Mary J. Reid's talk about Chicago authors; Mrs. Clement's paper on Japanese Women: Mr. Evans' pictures of Musquakie Indian Life; Mr. Leslie's sketch of Nast, with the first authorized engraving of his famous Appomattox painting, and other attractive articles, make the December number the best yet. The December number is free to all 1896 subscribers as long as the edition lasts.

No one ever thought of introducing so expensive a feature as lithographic color work in the days when the leading magazines sold for $4.00 a year and 35 cents a copy. But times change, and the magazines change with them. It has remained for *The Cosmopolitan*, sold at one dollar a year, to put in an extensive lithographic plant capable of printing 320,000 pages per day (one color). The January issue presents as a frontispiece a water-color drawing by Eric Pape, illustrating the last story by Robert Louis Stevenson, which has probably never been excelled even in the pages of the finest dollar French periodicals. The cover of *The Cosmopolitan* is also changed, a drawing of page length by the famous Paris artist Rossi, in lithographic colors on white paper, takes the place of the manilla back with its red stripe. Hereafter the cover is to be a fresh surprise every month.

If we had no defects we should not take so much pleasure in discovering those of others.




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A new Masonic hall was dedicated at Sheibyville, Ind., Nov. 12, 1895.

The next General Grand Chapter O. E. S. should take up and answer and explain the "Macoy" controversy. Meanwhile, keep cool and think.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri did a preeminently sensible and Masonic act when it kept silence upon the Templar Blue Lodge question.

We are glad that while other jurisdictions are struggling with the obsolete fossil of "perpetual jurisdiction" the Grand Lodge of Iowa is up in line with the majority. No perpetual here.

Keep your journals throughout the year. Unlike the ordinary periodical, they continue to be more valuable each year, and in years to come the earlier numbers will command a premium, because we do not store up a "shelf edition."

We will be glad to arrange for the binding, as cheaply as possible, of last year's volume, for those who wish it.

We enter upon another year with hopes of greater usefulness to the craft and with the confidence that they only need to know our magazine to want it. Iowa can and we believe will support our enterprise.

Down in Texas they can get lower rates of fare for a race meet than for their Grand Masonic bodies, yet we venture that the larger contributors to the railway's wealth is from the Masonic brethren.

## THANKS.

To M. E. Comp., Gill W. Barnard, for the proceedings of the Grand Council of Illinois, Order of High Priesthood, 1895.

To Mrs. L. J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary, for the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter O. E. S., Boston, Aug. 29–30, 1895.

To Sir R. M. J. Coleman, for a valuable item of Scottish Rite news from Des Moines Consistory No 3.

## GENERAL GLEANINGS.

OUR DECEMBER EXCHANGES.

Missouri is holding Chapter schools among its Royal Arch bodies.

*The Masonic Advocate*, Indiana, has completed its 28th year. Greetings, Brother Rice.

It is reported that the aggregate income of the Masonic bodies of the United States amounts to $14,000,000.

*The Kansas Freemason* and the *Orphan's Friend* each came clad in Christmas covers and both were quite beautiful.

The projectors of the Masonic University should read Dr. Vincil's historical article in the December *Constellation*

# THE ROYAL ARCH.

### CONVOCATIONS.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., ———, 1897.
Iowa Grand, Marshalltown, Oct. 15, 1896.

### GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTED.

L. T. WELD.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Nevada.
Max. Beehler.....Deputy Grand High Priest
Manchester.
W. D. Irvine.....Grand King
Sioux City.
W. F. Cleveland.....Grand Scribe
Harlan.
R. F. B. Portman.....Grand Treasurer
Decorah.
Alf. Wingate.....Grand Secretary
Des Moines.

APPOINTED.

JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER.....Grand Chaplain
Marion.
H. H. Barnard.....Grand Captain of the Host
Elkader.
R. J. Crouch.....Grand Principal Sojourner
DeWitt.
W. W. Montgomery.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
Red Oak.
F. M. Thompson.....Grand Master of the Third Vail
Rock River.
F. M. Dance.....Grand Master of the Second Vail
Missouri Valley.
N. T. Hendrix.....Grand Master of the First Vail
Columbus Junction.
Theo. Schreiner.....Grand Guard
Mt. Pleasant.

The degree of P. M. is discarded by Canada companions.

The Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania celebrated its one hundredth anniversary in November.

In Nevada the proceedings of the Order of High Priesthood are published in connection with that of the Grand R. A. M. Chapter.

Comp. Aaron Roff, of Calhoun, Georgia, was exalted a Royal Arch Mason at the age of 75, and is now the Secretary of his Chapter at 81 years.

The *Texas Freemason* holds that the Cryptic degrees are not conferred in R. A. Chapters in that state but in regular councils of R. & S. M. without autonomy and governed by the officers of the Chapter.

Information has just reached us that M. E. Rees Gibbon Williams, Past Grand High Priest of New York, died Dec. 23, 1895. He was buried Dec. 27.

In England it is the custom, which almost becomes a law, that members go to Royal Arch Chapters only in full evening dress of swallow-tail coats, white gloves, etc.

From the statistics of American Royal Arch Masonry the following totals are taken: Grand Chapters, 49; Chapters on roll, 2613; Chapters represented, 2156; receipts, $145,263.61; expenses, $134,629.65; assets, $249,508.72; exalted, 13,517; members, 200,116; net gain, 5563.

### GENERAL GLEANINGS.

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island has the largest constituency in the country, 11,499 Knights.

California has a site of 267 acres for a Masonic widow's and orphan's home. It cost them, without buildings, $33,093.00.

The expense of conducting the Pennsylvania Masonic Home for the past year, was $6,653.41. Sixty-seven inmates are reported.

The Triennial Committee of Boston, had a surplus of $12,060.85, which will be divided among the contributing Commanderies.

*The Scottish Freemason* always reminds us of the old fashioned, capacious, grandfather's pocket, literally crammed with solid "goodies".

*The Constellation* says that the St. Louis bodies are *not* putting up that magnificent building—but somebody is doing it.

In the same number we find the cut of a handsome building with seven Lodge rooms, banquet and ball rooms, 1200 electric lights, elevators, steam heat, etc.



# COMMANDERIES.

### CONCLAVES.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1896.
Illinois Grand, Springfield, April 21, 1896.

### GRAND OFFICERS.

T. B. LACY.....GRAND COMMANDER
Council Bluffs.
T. R. Ercanbrack.....Deputy Commander
Anamosa.
F. H. Loring.....Grand Generalissimo
Oskaloosa.
Geo. W. Bever.....Grand Captain General
Cedar Rapids.
John W. Geiger.....Grand Prelate
Marion.
J. H. Pettibone.....Grand Senior Warden
Burlington.
D. M. Brownlee.....Grand Junior Warden
Sioux City.
E. B. Shaw.....Grand Treasurer
West Union.
Alf. Wingate.....Grand Recorder
Des Moines.
F. E. Fuller.....Grand Standard Bearer
Jefferson.
Alex. Peddie.....Grand Sword Bearer
Emmettsburg.
W. W. Straight.....Grand Warder
Atlantic.
Theodore Shreiner.....Grand Sentinel
Mt. Pleasant.

The following list of officers were elected by the Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 51, K. T.:

Olin E. Van Deventer, E. C.
Henry J. Ravold, Gen.
Arling M. Worden, C. G.
William S. Fowles, Prelate.
William R. Burnham, S. W.
William T. Aylesbury, J. W.
Henry V. Arrowsmith, Treasurer.
Robert T. Penick, Recorder.

Honorius Commandery No. 8, K. T., of McGregor, Iowa, elected and installed the following officers December 30, 1895, for the year 1896:

Clarence F. Spaulding, E. C.
William A. Kregel, Gen.
Sumner Miller, C. G.
M. T. Kennedy, Prelate.
H. H. Clark, Senior Warden.
Theodore J. Krasinsky, Junior Warden.
J. L. Hagensick, Treasurer.
George W. Brenner, Recorder.

There are nineteen Commanderies, with 2904 Knights Templar, in Maine.

A Grand Commandery of Knights Templar will soon be located in Washington.

Illinois has gained 600 Knights Templar during the past year, making a total of 9,500.

The Masonic Temple at Boston recently injured by fire will be sold and a new temple erected in another part of the city.

Sir A. L. Webster is now Grand Commander of Illinois and Sir Gilbert W. Barnard re-elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commandery of Washington has decided that a candidate for the orders shall not be engaged in any manner in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors.

Our view of the mission of Templarism rises above mere externals. We hold it to be the bond which ties Freemasonry to the cross of Jesus Christ.—John A. Gerow, Michigan.

Temple Commandery No. 4, observed Christmas day with a full program. From the list of respondents we take it that there was a "feast of reason and a flow of soul," there were Bowen, Stilson, Stoner, Eibœck, Craig and Foster, all true and courteous Knights.

Detroit Commandery No. 1 of Detroit has presented Sir James Findlater, Captain General, an elegant sword and a jewel of his office as a testimonial to his great skill in the tactics and successful doing as an officer. The sword and jewel are suitably inscribed.

# A. A. S. R.

We are in receipt of the splendid address delivered by Illustrious Brother T. S. Parvin, 33d Degree Inspector General for Iowa, at Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington, D. C., at the inaugurating ceremonies of memorial services at the grave of the late venerable Grand Commander, Albert Pike. These ceremonies are to be observed biennially hereafter.

It is reported that the reason no monument marks the grave of Albert Pike is that he prohibited it in his will.

The Supreme Council S. M. J. has purchased a $10,000 property adjoining its main building in Washington, D. C., for library purposes.

We acknowledge an invitation to attend a convention of the Rite at Aberdeen, S. D. Jan. 13–14, 1886. We wish them every success in their ripe field.

In the vaults of the Holy House of the Temple are manuscript books of General Pike among which is that of the Zenda Avesta said to be worth $10,000, which may be published in 1901 as a centennial Volume.

The bodies of the Scottish Rite in Chicago conferred the 14th, Jan 2; rendezvous of Oriental Consistory on the 9th, also 15th degree, and on the 16th was held the 40th annual election and installation of officers. Banquet at 10 p. m.

Scottish Rite Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, valley of Des Moines, Orient of Iowa, at the annual conclave of Des Moines Consistory No. 3, S. P. R. S., held at the Priory of the Rite, Des Moines, Iowa, on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1895, A. M. 5655. The following officers were elected:

George Fairburn, 32d degree—Ill. Commander in Chief.

Frederick E. Redhead—Ill. First Lieut. Commander.

J. Willard Russell—Ill. Second Lieut. Commander.

John Michael Mehan—Ill. Grand Chancellor.

Frederick Charles McCartney—Ill. Grand Minister of State.

Richard M. J. Coleman—Ill. Grand Registrar.

Joseph Gage Rounds—Ill. Grand Treasurer.

Dalton Edgar Parkins—Ill. Grand Almoner.

# THE EASTERN STAR.

GRAND BODIES MEET:

Iowa Grand Chapter, Clinton, Oct. 28, 1896.

## GRAND OFFICERS.

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| MRS. JENNIE RULE | Mason City. | GRAND MATRON |
| E. B. DYKE | Charles City. | GRAND PATRON |
| Mrs. M. B. Rathbun | Clinton. | Associate Matron |
| Jno. W. Geiger | Marion. | Associate Patron |
| Maria Jackson | Council Bluffs. | Grand Secretary |
| Mrs. E. L. Houghton | Red Oak. | Grand Treasurer |
| Mrs. Delia Meredith | Newton. | Grand Conductress |
| Mrs. Adamson | Associate Grand Conductress Le Mars. | |

APPOINTED.

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| MRS. BADER | Clinton. | GRAND CHAPLAIN |
| Mrs. Luella Usry | Des Moines | Adah |
| Mrs. G. F. Claycomb | Farragut. | Ruth |
| Miss Nellie Harris | New Hampton. | Esther |
| Mrs. Alice Randall | Algona. | Martha |
| Mrs. Stone | Columbia. | Electa |
| Mrs. Kate D. Allin | Iowa City. | Warder |
| Theodore Shreiner | Mt. Pleasant. | Sentinel |

## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER O. E. S.

HELD IN BOSTON, 1895.

The name of Robert Macoy will ever stand associated with that of our founder, Rob Morris. For many years they worked together, the one originating the order, the other, with his executive ability, putting it into an organized system, without which it would have been a failure. We desire to accord to his memory the honor due for his many years of earnest labor for, and love of our Eastern Star. I ask that suitable pages be set apart in our Proceedings in memory of Robert Macoy, Catharine Morris, and the other honored dead.

—M. W. G. Matron's address.

I desire to call the attention of the Grand Chapters to the fact that it is unnecessary to elect "delegates" to the General Grand Chapter. Our Constitution provides for its own delegates, and tells very plainly who they shall be. It is not only an act of discourtesy to the presiding officers, whose right it is to represent their state, but it places the delegate in an unenviable position, for she will not be received by this body unless she comes as the proxy of the proper representatives.

—M. W. G. Matron's address.

The prayers in the ritual are as much a part of the regular work as the lectures, and your committee fail to see why they may be changed in the opening or closing ceremony any more than in the initiation or installation ceremony.

—G. G. Chapter.

Robert Macoy, Past Grand Patron of New York, although never connected with this body, but rather opposed to it, rendered most valuable service to the Order by his talent and great executive ability, giving it the Chapter form of organization which has resulted in its present highly prosperous condition. We gladly then cover what we deem his failing, believing that he honestly held and battled for his views, with the broad mantle of charity, and express the sense of loss we must feel as an Order, and inscribe his name upon the General Grand Chapter memorial roll.

—Rep. Com. on Necrology, G. G. C.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA., Jan. 1, 1896.

J. W. GEIGER:

Dear Sir and Brother:—Business in the Masonic circles is on the move this month. The two blue lodges here had joint installation on the 21st, and the O. E. S. had public installation last evening and then had a banquet and watch meeting. Sister Houghton, of Red Oak, D. G. W. M., was present and did the installing, assisted by Sister Jackson, Grand Secretary, as Grand Marshal. The new officers of Harmony Chapter No. 25 are:

W. M., Mrs. M. Duquette,
W. P., " A. McMillen,
A. M., " C. E. Tucker,
Cond., " H. A. Messmore,
A. Cond. " J. W. Bell,
Treas., " J. K. Cooper,
Sec'y, Miss Emma Potter,
Warden, Mrs. Bennett,
Sentinel, S. S. Nash,
Ada, Mrs. Carrie Van Fossen,
Ruth, Mrs. Clara Ward,
Esther, Miss Mary McMillen,
Martha, Miss Jennie Pile,
Ruth, Mrs Adams.

Tangier Temple gave an informal reception to her new officers this morning and afternoon at Masonic Hall in Omaha. They have elected an entire new set of officers except Recorder.

Well, Bro. Geiger, don't forget to send that magazine along and when I come to Boone this spring to attend Grand Lodge, I will do the correct thing by you for another year in the shape of continued subscription.

I have attended our Grand Lodges, but this year I will represent Excelsior Lodge as their Master, for my brothers have honored me with that office for the coming year. I am also Recorder of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 17. Ever yours,

A. MCMILLEN.

Cedar Chapter 184 has honored its officers with practically unanimous re-election, and now has a radiant future before it, with lots of high grade material.

We copied an item from the *Trestleboard* last month which the *Eastern Star* contradicts. The New York (Independent) members were allowed admission to the G. G. C. in Boston, and every possible courtesy shown them. That being so, then let the Macoyites be admitted in California or anywhere else if in good standing in their local Chapter.

There are twenty-six Chapters of the Eastern Star in Colorado, with 1702 members.

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# THE FEZ.

## TRIBAL GATHERINGS.

Imperial Council. Cleveland, Ohio, June 16, 1896.
El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, (Annual) second Wednesday in December, 1896.
Kaaba Davenport, Iowa, (Annual), first Tuesday in December, 1896.

## IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

### OFFICERS FOR 1895-6.

CHAS L. FIELD.....IMPERIAL POTENTATE
San Francisco, Cal.
J. T. Brush.....Imperial Deputy Potentate
Indianapolis, Indiana
Harrison Dingman.....Imperial Chief Rabban
Washington, D. C.
Ed. R. Harris.....Imperial Assistant Rabban
Detroit, Michigan.
A. B. McGaffey.....Imperial High Priest
Denver, Colo.
Ethelbert F. Allen.....Imperial Oriental Guide
Kansas City, Missouri.
William S. Brown.....Imperial Treasurer
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
BENJAMIN W. ROWELL.....IMPERIAL RECORDER
Boston, Massachusetts.
Wm. H. S. Wright.....Imperial I Ceremonial Master
St. Paul, Minnesota.
Thomas J. Bishop.....Imperial II Ceremonial Master
Albany, New York.
R. M. Johnson.....Imperial Marshal
Chicago, Ill.
John H. Atwood.....Imperial Captain of Guard
Leavenworth, Kansas.
Horace K. Blanchard.....Imperial Outer Guard
Providence, Rhode Island.

*Members ad Vitam:*

1 Walter M. Fleming, New York.
2 Sam Briggs, Cleveland, Ohio.
3 William B. Melish, Cincinnati, Ohio.
4 Thomas J. Hudson, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

*Members Emeritus.*

1 Albert Rawson, New York.
2 Charles W. Torey, New York.
3 George O. Tyler, Burlington, Vermont.
4 Charles T. McClenachan, New York.

### REPRESENTATIVES.

EL-JEBEL, Denver, Col.—A. B. McGaffey, A. F. Vick Roy, Thomas Nicholl, R. H. Whitley.

EL KAHIR, Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Geo. Woltz Bever, M. S. Rizer, A. D. Brown, John Westley Geiger.

El-Riad, Sioux Falls, S. D.—A. B. Kittredge, Geo. W. Burnside, W. R. Burkholder.

India, Oklahoma City, O. T.—F. H. Reed

KAABA, Davenport, Ia.—G. M. Titus, Hon. W. I. Babb, C. T. Darling, Geo. F. White.

Media, Watertown, N. Y.—W. G. McCord, W. B. Sessions, D. G. Eggleston.

Medinah, Chicago, Ill.—Chester T. Drake, Rob't. M. Johnson, Frank C. Roundy, William Johnston.

Moila, St. Jo, Mo.—Joseph S. Browne, James W. Boyd.

MOOLA, St. Louis, Mo.—G. W. Neiman, B. F. Nelson, A. Moore Berry, Otto Stifel.

Osman, St. Paul, Minn.—W. H. S. Wright, T. W. Hugo, H. C. Hope, James F. Lawless.

Sesostris, Lincoln, Neb.—Dr. Geo. H. Simmons, Chas. E. Casey, Fred J. Benedict.

SYRIAN, Cincinnati, O.—O. W. B. Melish, *Ad Vitem*, M. L. Buchwalter, J. H. Bromwell, Levi C. Goodale, Allen Andrews.

Tangier, Omaha, Neb.—Eli A. Barnes, Henry C. Atkins, Ira O. Rhoades, Philip M. Rose.

ZUHRAH, Minneapolis, Minn.—John A. Schlener, J. B. Hudson, R. H. Hartley.

## TO RECORDERS OF TEMPLES.

We have been giving careful attention to the sending of a copy of *every notice* from the Recorder's office of El-Kahir Temple to each of you. Some either slight us altogether or skip some of their notices. Please put us on your list and remember our official address is Marion, not Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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At the Annual Meeting of Medinah Temple held on Friday evening, Dec. 27, 1895, the following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year:

Ill. Potentate—Chester T. Drake.
Chief Rabban—Robert M. Johnson.
Assistant Rabban—Frank C. Roundy.
High Priest and Prophet—Canute R. Matson.
Oriental Guide—Thos. H. Currier.
Treas.—Henry Baker.
Recorder—William Johnston.
Representatives to Imperial Council—Chester T. Drake, Rob't. M. Johnson, Frank C. Roundy, William Johnston.

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Moila Temple, N. M. S., St. Jo, Mo., elected the following officers:

Potentate—Virgil R. Porter.
Chief Rabban—Charles A. Batson.
Asst. Rabban—Wm. L. Buechle.
High Priest and Prophet—Emanuel F. Hartzell.
Oriental Guide—Edward O. Wild.
Treas.—John M. Austin.
Recorder—Arling M. Worden.
Representatives to Imperial Council—Joseph S. Browne, James W. Boyd.

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At a regular meeting of Zuhrah Temple, Minneapolis, Minn., held Friday evening, Dec. 27, 1895, the following officers were elected:

Ill. Potentate—J. B. Hudson.
Chief Rabban—A. W. Paris.
Asst. Rabban—Geo. T. Huey.
High Priest—W. B. Hixon.
Oriental Guide—Fred M. Hutchinson.
Treas.—A. E. Kempe.
Recorder—H. M. Myers.
Representatives to Imperial Council—John A. Schlener, J. B. Hudson and R. H. Hartley.

## TO RECORDERS.

El-Kahir Temple issues a Passport to all her nobles who are in good standing—*good to the 31st of December following the one to which dues are paid.* We will consider it a favor if such Passports are honored when they bear the official seal of this Temple.

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Illustrious Noble W. B. Melish, has again been elected Potentate of Syrian Temple.

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The Nobles of Kaaba Temple, Order of Mystic Shrine, took care of the little ones at the Davenport Orphan's Home, with an entertainment and Christmas presents.

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Noble Warren Weston, a member of Kaaba Temple, leading actor in Weston's Comedians, spent a week's engagement in Marion, Dec. 23–28. He is the Noble who is often taken for the editor.

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## ABDALLAH'S MESSAGE.

He that died at Assam sends this message to comfort his friends:

Faithful friends, it lies I know
Pale and cold, and pale and still as snow,
And ye say, Abdallah is dead.
Weeping at the feet and head,
I can see your falling tears;
I can hear your sighs at prayers;
Yet I smile and whisper this,
I am not the thing you kiss, sweet friends.
What the women lay for its last bed at the grave,
Is a hat which I am quitting,
Is a garment no more fitting,
It is an empty sea-shell,
Out of which the pearl is gone.
Love the inmate, not the room,
The bearer, not the garb,
The plume of the falcon,
Not the bars which kept him from those splendid stars.
Weep a while, if ye are faint;
Sunshine still must follow rain.
Only not at death, for now I know
That death is that first breath, which our souls draw
When we enter life which is of all life center.
When ye come where I have stepped,
You will wonder why you wept,
You will know by wise love taught,
That here is all and there is naught.

He that died at Assam gave this message to those who made his grave.

—*Arab.*

We have no official copy or fully quoted text of the action of the Supreme Council N. M. J. at Buffalo, ordering the Scottish Rite bodies to close their halls against non-Masonic orders, in order, 'tis said, to shut out the Mystic Shrine, but if they have done that it will do the order no more harm that is shut out than the one that shuts itself in.

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## AMONG THE TEMPLES.

The annual tribal gatherings have been held. We hope to give the full list of Imperial Representatives next month.

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AHMED, Marquette, Mich., meets Jan. 8, '96, and the peninsula will be depopulated by the Moslems.

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RAJAH, Reading, Pa., sent forth a portrait notice for Jan. 8, '96. J. Lewis Rake is the handsome Potentate, and J. W. Jost, Recorder of this Temple.

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MEDINAH, Chicago, held high carnival Dec. 27, 1895, when their annual election was held. Disasters not reported at this writing. Particulars later.

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ZEM ZEM, Erie, Pa., announces a ceremonial session for Jan. 23. From the notice sent us by Noble H. C. Alverson, we presume it will be a great meeting. *Selah!*

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ISMALIA, Buffalo, Annual Meeting Dec. 30, 1895; business meeting 4 p. m.; evening meeting 7:30 p. m. Big notice. Vaudeville style of illustrations; only one Shrine picture. Which?

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MECCA, New York, Annual Meeting Dec. 30, 1895. Election, ceremonials, banquet. The First Imperial Potentate, Dr. Walter M. Fleming, was to act as installing officer. Saram still calls for "fotograffs" and "dues." Twenty-three Meccans are missing. The sick list is continued. January 9 is ladies' night. Degree of Isis to be conferred. No *children* admitted.



PALESTINE, Providence, R. I., met Dec. 30, in annual session. The Imperial Recorder, B. W. Rowell, was announced to be present as Imperial Inspector. Banquet at Freemason's Hall. Good time? Well!

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EL-ZAGAL, Fargo, N. D., holds its regular meeting on the first Thursday of each month. December 20, 1895, was "Grand Forks" night. Some of the Nautch girls would do for the "bearded lady" in a museum.

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KISMET, Brooklyn, N. Y. Annual Meeting Dec. 31, 1895. The brownies are still tumbling off the Brooklyn bridge. When! But Acker looks dangerous enough to skeer dues out of a Brooklyn alderman. Cut 'em John, cut 'em deep.

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LU LU, Philadelphia, Pa., January 1, '96. Installation of officers, ceremonials, Lu Lu Temple band of music; a good time. We do hope the Pennsylvania Nobles will send Cary the fodder for that knock-kneed, wall-eyed, humped-up camel. They don't match now.

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BOUMI, Baltimore, Md., Annual Meeting Dec. 30. A card is enclosed giving the stated sessions to Feb. 25, 1897. A good thing. Ladies' night Feb. 12, 1896. Tickets, including supper, $1.00. Recorder Miller wants to know where Noble H. P. Collins, late of Medinah, is.

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# EL-KAHIR TEMPLE.

As this Journal now reaches every Recorder in America each month, and goes into the hands of a large number of Nobles regularly, we have decided to use this column for such official announcements as may be deemed necessary from time to time.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder.

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We are sorry to chronicle the demise of another of our Nobles. With the closing year went out from us Noble Chas. H. Graham, (Dec. 31, 1895), resident at Ida Grove. A floral offering was sent. The funeral was held Jan. 3, 1896.

## MISSING NOBLES.

Somewhere amid the sandy wastes of the desert, the following members of El-Kahir have been lost, and as they are not in possession of Passports of good standing, Recorders of Temples will confer a favor if they will notify us whenever one turns up among his flock. Our own Nobles can aid us by giving information about either of the following:

| NAMES. | LAST POST-OFFICE. |
|---|---|
| S. C. Osborn, | Barge Office, N. Y. City. |
| Herbert L. Sill, | Chicago, Ill. |
| H. E. Carleton, | Lyons, Ia. |
| H. W. Flower, | Minneapolis, Minn. |
| Edward N. Pickering, | Marshalltown, Ia. |
| Abner Graves, | Chicago, Ill. |
| A. G. Smith, | Ft. Collins, Col. |
| Geo. J. Miller, | Cedar Rapids, Ia. |
| A. F. Graham, | Mason City, Iowa. |

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## ON TO CLINTON.

By vote of the Temple it was decided to hold a ceremonial session of the ElKahir at Clinton, on Jan. 31, 1896. Due notice will be served.

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## JEWELS.

The Recorder has made arrangements to have button-hole jewels on hand at all meetings for sale, and Nobles can rest assured that they will be the best. Mail orders filled at $1.00.

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## DUES ARE DUE.

Nobles of ElKahir will confer a great favor upon the Recorder, with but little trouble for themselves, if they will remit by check or draft instead of waiting until the rush of the Annual Meeting to pay dues.

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During the absence of the Recorder and by oversight, the name of our Illustrious Oriental Guide, Frank H. Hilliard, was omitted from the Clinton notice. We apologize to him and to the Temple for the mistake.

# MONEY
FOR
# Life Insurance Policies.

Many Life Insurance Policies which the companies refuse to pay are actually good, and can be collected in full.

Non-payment of premiums or assessments does not always cause the policy to lapse.

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